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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-41 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

While Applicant believes that the claims are patentable over the cited references, either alone or in combination, to speed prosecution and allowance of the application, Applicant adds new claim 41 to define more clearly the features of the claimed invention.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant submits that none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the claimed combination of features recited in new claim 41.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-3 and 5-41, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,


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